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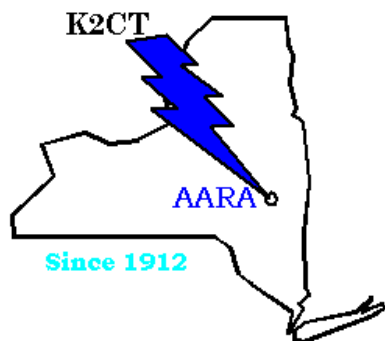
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SEPT. MEETING

Our guest speaker will be Fred Lass,

K2TR, who will discuss the new TV
standards that are in the works, called
ATSC 3.0.

He will explain what's coming and why it
matters to everyone who watches TV.

You can visit the website ATSC.org for a
preview of the new standards.

145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz

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If you are interested in amateur radio, and would like to take the exam, the Albany/Troy VE Team (ATVET) stands ready to assist. ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA). We are affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984.

Amateur of the Year Grand Ol' Ham

I am so very pleased to announce the 2016 Hudson Division Award recipients. Nominations were received representing the entire Hudson Division. From the southern to the northern part of the Division, from the eastern to the western ends of the Division, all areas were well represented with very worthy individuals who have had an impact on Amateur Radio in the Hudson Division.

This year we've decided to award one "Amateur of the Year" and three "Grand Ol' Ham" awards.

The recipients are:

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| Amateur of the Year | Lee Hatfield K2HAT |
| Grand Ol' Ham | Andy Bodony K2LE |
| Grand Ol' Ham | Gordon Shacklett KB2SSZ |
| Grand Ol' Ham | Joe Dreifuss W2KQ |

Please join me in congratulating them, and please celebrate their achievement, by joining them at the 2016 Hudson Division Awards Luncheon.

The Awards Luncheon, sponsored this year by the Orange County Amateur Radio Club (OCARC), will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from noon to 4:00 pm at the Ramada Cafe International in Newburgh, N.Y.

Tickets are \$37.00 per person or a group table of ten seats can be purchased for \$333.00. I hope to see you there.

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National Parks on the Air Update The ARRL Letter Sept 1, 2016

The National Park Service Centennial last week was a great celebration of our National Parks. Amateur Radio operators played their part, transmitting from an amazing 174 units during the Centennial Week, as part of ARRL's National Parks on the Air ([NPOTA](#)) program. There were 77 units active on August 25, the actual date of the NPS Centennial, and 286 activations resulted in 14,559 QSOs between August 22-28. Thanks to all the NPOTA activators who made this possible!

The first activation of the newly-created Katahdin Woods and Rivers National Monument (MN84) in Maine occurred on August 30, just 6 days after President Obama created the monument. Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, and his wife Anita, AB1QB, had to



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work "split" to handle the pileups. They will return to MN84 on September 3, and others are planning to activate this new one as well. There are 41 activations are scheduled for September 1-7, including Hovenweep National Monument in Utah, and Weir Farm National Historic Site in Connecticut.

[Details](#) about these and other upcoming activations can be found on the NPOTA Activations calendar.

Keep up with the latest NPOTA news on [Facebook](#). Follow NPOTA on [Twitter](#) (@ARRL_NPOTA).



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Amateur Radio Volunteers Assisting in Italian Earthquake Response

The ARRL Letter Aug. 25, 2016

Radio amateurs are taking part in the response to the 6.2 magnitude earthquake on August 24 in central Italy, International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 ([IARU-R1](#)) President Don Beattie, G3BJ, reports. IARU Region 1 Emergency Communications Coordinator Greg Mossop, G0DUB, has requested that 7060 kHz (LSB ± 10 kHz) be kept clear of non-emergency traffic, as well as any other center-of-activity ([COA](#)) frequencies that may be in use for emergency communication within Italy. (On 80 meters, the COA frequency is 3760 kHz). Other frequencies reported to be active include 7045, 3643, and 3580 kHz (PSK).

The earthquake claimed some 240 lives, although rescue operations are still under way. According to the IARU Region 1 website, Italian radio amateurs are active in the emergency response, and no outside assistance has been requested at this time.

According to Beattie, the Italian Amateur Radio volunteers are "following their planned response with their government" and that any requests for information on missing persons should be made via the Red Cross or other recognized relief organizations.

The worst loss of life was in the town of Amatrice, where more than 180 people died. Tremors in the aftermath of the initial quake were felt as far away as Rome. Survivors are staying in tents or otherwise out of doors. A reported 4300 people were said to be active in rescue operations in the region.

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